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Highlighted Recently Asked Questions

After Cost Proposals are received, will the Most Efficient Organization (MEO) Team post all of the data on the web site? Since no one can make any changes after September 3, 2004, it would be really great to see what the plan is for the future.

It would not be appropriate for the MEO's proposal to be posted on the Office of Competitive Sourcing website. The proposals are proprietary information as well as procurement-sensitive documents. They will not be shared by the Office of Competitive Sourcing. If the MEO's proposal were shared, the other vendors could potentially use the information to improve their competitive position.

It seems the communication effort to field personnel has been turned up a notch. What's going on?

The FAA Administrator has brought in a top-tier communication person to lead the communication effort. As a result, there has been an increase in communication with field personnel from a variety of sources.

Ms. Blakey sent out a letter to all AFSS employees which stated that "... the A-76 study of automated flight services moves toward a March 2005 source selection decision...". Was this just a generic statement or will source selection decision definitely not be made until then?

The reference to March was intended to indicate the latest possible award date.

Upon contract award, phase-in can begin, which is set to last 6 months. Assuming a private vendor wins the award, will AFSS personnel continue to be government employees during the phase-in or could they be instantly switched over as private contract employees (assuming they choose to work for them)?

AFSS personnel will continue to be government employees during the phase-in period. If a contractor wins the competition, it is during the phase-in that they prepare to take over the service. Separations would be effective at the end of the phase-in period (which is the beginning of the transition period). Also note that the phase-in period could run from 6-9 months.

What is the difference between the phase-in period and the transition period?

Following the performance award, the phase-in period will last six months and may include up to three one-month option periods. As stated in the previous question and answer, AFSS personnel will continue to be government employees during the phase-in period, regardless of who wins the competition. The phase-in period allows the service provider time to prepare to assume responsibility for existing facilities 6-9 months after the performance award. Upon approval by the agency, the winning service provider will implement their transition plan.

The transition period immediately follows the phase-in period and can last up to three years. The service provider is responsible for the performance of all services described in the contract from day one of the transition period. The transition period allows the service provider time to strategically move to its most efficient manner of doing business.

